

CITY COUNCIL CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
JUNE 3, 1953

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, June 3, 1953. Councilmen Haskell, Preszler, Rinn, Robinson and Richey (Mayor) present; absent, none.

Minutes of the previous meeting, May 20, 1953, were approved as written and mailed.

COMMUNICATIONS

CITY EMPLOYEES PICNIC	Mr. Weller reminded the members of the City Council of the invitation from the City Employees' Association to the Annual Picnic being held Sunday, June 7, at Lawrence Park.
HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT	Letter from Paul R. Bowers, Principal, Lodi Union High School, inviting the Council to the commencement exercises to be held in Lodi Stadium, Thursday, June 11, 1953.
POLICEMEN'S BALL	An invitation to attend the Lodi Policemen's Ball at the Lodi Legion Hall, June 13, 1953. The invitation was accompanied by complimentary tickets for each of the members of the Council.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

STREET ABANDONMENT LAWRENCE HOMESTEAD ADDITION RES. #1747 ADOPTED	Mayor Richey opened the meeting to the reception of protests to the proposed abandonment of streets in Lawrence Homestead Addition and in Lawrence Homestead Addition No. 2. There being no objections put forth, Councilman Haskell moved, Rinn second, the adoption of Resolution No. 1747, ordering the vacation and abandonment of certain streets and alleys in the above two tracts as delineated in Ordinance of Intention No. 486. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.
PLANNING CONSULTANT TO BE HIRED	The City Manager presented a recommendation from the City Planning Commission that the City Council employ an expert in the field of city planning to undertake the formation of a master plan for the City of Lodi. He then reported that a meeting of the Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce had endorsed the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Mr. Weller stated that he had contacted Mr. Harold Wise of Menlo Park in an effort to get an estimate of the cost of conducting a survey of the parking and traffic problem in the downtown business district. At this time he learned from Mr. Wise that much of the research necessary in conducting a parking survey could be utilized as the basis for an over-all master plan for the City. Mr. Weller added that, at his request, Mr. Wise submitted an estimate of approximately \$5,100 as the cost of the parking survey, taking into consideration certain aid to be given by local citizens. The entire master plan could then be completed for approximately \$2,600 additional. Mr. Weller contacted Mr. Wise on the basis he was employed by the City of Stockton as a consultant for a parking survey and the fact that he had taken part in the recent Traffic Clinic conducted by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Stockton. Mr. Weller stated that he had investigated several other consultants in the field, but felt that Mr. Wise was at least as qualified as the others, if not more so. He added that he had learned of one other man in the field who could be considered, but he did not have substantial experience

as a consultant; he had been employed by the planning department in a large city and he had a good academic background. In reply to a question directed to him by Councilman Haskell, Mr. Weller stated that it probably would be necessary to assign an employee of the City to the task of carrying out the master plan after it is formulated. He stated that he felt it would be a mistake to spend money to develop the master plan and then fail to keep it current. Councilman Haskell then moved that the recommendation of the City Planning Commission for the employment of a consultant to formulate a master plan be accepted and that steps be taken as soon as possible to hire a competent consultant. The motion was seconded by Councilman Robinson and passed. Councilman Robinson then stated that he was satisfied with the proposition submitted by Mr. Wise and suggested that his proposition be accepted. It was then determined that Mr. Wise had been hired by the City of Stockton as a consultant for a traffic and parking survey; that the master plan developed by him for the City of Menlo Park had been examined by the members of the Council and City Planning Commission; and that the merchants attending the Traffic Clinic in Stockton had met Mr. Wise and had been favorably impressed by him. Councilman Robinson then moved that the City Manager be instructed to contact Mr. Wise and work out arrangements for a contract with the City. The motion was seconded by Councilman Haskell and passed.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

FINAL PLANS
FOR HALL
OF JUSTICE
PRESENTED

The City Manager informed the City Council that the final plans and specifications for the proposed Hall of Justice had been submitted by the architects. He then introduced Mr. Trudell of Hurt, Trudell and Berger, Architects, who explained that the specifications submitted called for reinforced concrete construction with a provision for the submission of alternate bids for grouted brick masonry. Mr. Trudell displayed a scale model of the Hall of Justice showing its relationship to the existing City Hall, parking area, and street elevation. He explained that the estimated cost would be \$235,000, which represents an increase over the first estimate submitted due to the change requested by the Council for reinforced concrete throughout rather than partial frame and stucco construction. Councilman Robinson asked if the size of the building could be cut down and still furnish sufficient facilities. Mr. Trudell replied that he felt the building was a little too minimum as planned; that more space for storage could be added. On the motion of Councilman Rinn, the Council voted to refer the plans and specifications to the City Engineer for further investigation and report at the next meeting of the City Council.

PURCHASE
PLANS FOR
PARK IN
BARNHART
TRACT

Mr. Weller presented a recommendation from the Recreation Commission that the City purchase the plans developed by Mason Whitney for the development of the Barnhart Tract park site. On the motion of Councilman Haskell, Robinson second, the Council voted to purchase the Whitney plans for \$200.

PARK REST
ROOM PLANS
APPROVED

Mr. Weller then presented the plans and specifications for the construction of rest rooms to be located in the proposed park in the Barnhart Tract. The site for the rest rooms to be as shown on the park plan developed by Mason Whitney. The plans and specifications were approved and adopted on the motion of Councilman Haskell, Rinn second.

PARK NAMED
JOHN F. BLAKELY
PARK

Councilman Rinn then moved the adoption of Resolution No. 1750 naming the proposed park "John F. Blakely Park" and requested that necessary arrangements be made for the dedication ceremonies. The motion was seconded by Councilman Haskell and passed by a unanimous vote.

AWARD
RADIO
EQUIPMENT

RES. #1743
ADOPTED

Mr. Weller presented the recommendation for the award of the contract for the purchase of radio communication equipment for use in the Fire, Police and Utility Departments. On the basis of the recommendations of the heads of the using departments, Mr. Weller recommended that the award be made to Motorola, Inc. Mr. Weller explained that the equipment offered by Motorola and Radio Corporation of America were both excellent; however, information gathered from other cities using both types of equipment indicated that Motorola was favored more often. On the motion of Councilman Robinson, Preszler second, the Council adopted Resolution No. 1743, awarding the contract for the radio communications equipment to Motorola, Inc. Mr. Weller also pointed out that the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company had submitted a proposal for the leasing of the equipment to the City, but that the expense of renting the equipment would be considerably greater than maintaining equipment owned by the City.

1953-54
MAJOR
STREET
PROGRAM

The City Manager presented the major street program for fiscal year 1953-54 as recommended by the City Engineer. The program calls for the reconstruction of South Hutchins Street from a point approximately 510 feet south of the center line of Cardinal Street north to Lodi Avenue and a budget of \$16,600 for general maintenance. Mr. Weller also reported that tentative arrangements had been worked out with the County whereby they will participate to some degree in the costs of the improvement of South Hutchins Street. The City Manager was authorized to sign the project statement on the motion of Councilman Haskell, Rinn second.

RES. #1746
ADOPTED

ALTER
MAJOR
STREET
PROGRAM

The City Manager presented a recommendation from the City Engineer that the following streets be added to the major street system of the City:
Loma Drive from Lockeford Street to Turner Road,
Lockeford Street from the former west city limits near Crescent Avenue to Loma Drive,
Ham Lane from Lodi Avenue to Turner Road,
Hutchins Street from Kettleman Lane to Lockeford Street,
and the following street be deleted from the major street system:

The unnamed street from the south city limits at Pine Street to Victor Road.

On the motion of Councilman Rinn, Haskell second, the Council voted to adopt Resolution No. 1746, Adopting the recommendation of the City Engineer and recommending to the Department of Public Works of the State of California that the above changes in the major city street system be made.

LODI AVENUE
- SCHOOL ST.
INTERSECTION

LODI AVENUE
- CHURCH ST.
INTERSECTION

The Council discussed at length the recommendation from the Police Department that: The curb on the south side of Lodi Avenue from School Street to Sacramento Street be painted red; the curb on both sides of School Street for a distance of 100 feet south of its intersection with Lodi Avenue be painted red; the Church Street access to the Sell Rite Market be designated "Entrance" and the access on the Lodi Avenue side of the Market's parking lot be designated "Exit"; and the prohibition of left turns to westbound traffic on Lodi Avenue into Church Street. On the motion of Councilman Robinson, Haskell second, the Council voted to paint the curb on both sides of School Street red for a distance of 50 feet south of the Lodi Avenue intersection and to erect signs on the south side of Lodi Avenue between School Street and Sacramento Street prohibiting parking between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. The City Manager was authorized to take the necessary steps to correct the situation at the Sell Rite Market, specifically to prevent the congestion caused by westbound traffic on Lodi Avenue making left turns into the parking lot maintained by the Market.

PARKING
METER
PETITION
REPORT

The validation of the names of the signers of the two petitions presented to the City Council on April 15, 1953, re parking meters revealed that 56% of the signers to the petition submitted by H. E. Looser were registered voters and 57% of the signers to the petition submitted by I.W. Loewen were registered voters. Councilman Robinson pointed out that the total number of registered voters signing the petitions was sufficient for the Council to take cognizance of the views of the signers; however, since the Council has taken action to hire a planning consultant, the solution to the parking meter problem may be forthcoming. It was agreed that no action should be taken on the petitions pending the completion of the master plan.

1953-54
BUDGET

Discussion of the proposed 1953-54 Budget as presented by the City Manager was deferred until the next meeting set by the Council. It was agreed that at that time the City Manager's budget would be considered and any questions arising at this meeting could be referred to the department heads at a subsequent meeting.

DOWNTOWN
STREET
LIGHTING
DISTRICT

RES. #1748
AND
RES. #1749
ADOPTED

The petition asking for street lights in the downtown business district was returned to the City Council with the certificate of the City Clerk stating that he had examined the petition and found that it contained the signatures of all of the owners of more than 60% in area of the property described in the petition. Resolution No. 1748, adopting plans and specifications for the construction and installation of street lights in the district as described, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Haskell, Preszler second. The Council then voted to adopt Resolution of Intention No. 1749, signifying the intention of the City Council to order the construction of the street lights. Public hearing was set for July 1, 1953.

PETALUMA
FRANCHISE
CASE

Action on the recommendation of the City Attorney that the City Council change its previous decision not to participate in the case involving the City of Petaluma and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company over the question of the city's right to grant a franchise to the telephone company to do business in the city was deferred to a subsequent

meeting. Mr. Mullen explained that the case involves the question of granting a "primary franchise" and a "secondary franchise". Since the State Legislature enacted Section 536 to the Civil Code in 1905, one year prior to the incorporation of the City of Lodi, granting the "secondary franchise" to the utility companies, which franchise grants the right to place poles and lines in the city streets to the utility companies, Mr. Mullen felt that the City of Lodi would not be involved. However, he felt that the City of Lodi should be vitally interested in the granting of the "primary franchise" which would be granting the right to do business in our city.

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$79,088.85 were approved on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Haskell second.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

FENCE
ORDINANCE
PROPOSED

A request from the City Planning Commission that the City Council enact an ordinance which would amend the Zoning Ordinance by the addition of a provision requiring a permit from the Building Inspector before the construction of any fence in the City, and requiring the approval of the Planning Commission before a fence of a height of greater than six feet in the rear yard or three feet six inches in the front yard is allowed, was referred to the City Attorney for study.

ORDINANCE
NO. 489
ADOPTEDIREY
ADDITION

ORDINANCE NO. 489, "APPROVING THE ANNEXATION OF THE IREY ADDITION TO THE CITY OF LODI AND DECLARING THAT THE SAME IS ANNEXED TO AND MADE PART OF THE CITY OF LODI", having been introduced at the regular meeting of May 20, 1953, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Haskell, Preszler second. Second reading was omitted by unanimous consent after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Haskell, Preszler, Rinn, Robinson and Richey

NOES: Councilmen - None ABSENT: Councilmen - None Mayor Richey then signed Ordinance No. 489 in approval thereof.

ORDINANCE
NO. 490
ADOPTEDGARBAGE
RATE
INCREASE

ORDINANCE NO. 490, "AMENDING SECTION 6 OF ORDINANCE NO. 383 ENTITLED 'AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 296 AND PROVIDING THAT THE CITY OF LODI SHALL HAVE THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO COLLECT AND DISPOSE OF GARBAGE IN SAID CITY, DEFINING "GARBAGE", PROVIDING FEES FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL THEREOF AND THE MANNER OF COLLECTING SAID FEES' AND PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE FEE FOR GARBAGE SERVICE TO PRIVATE DWELLINGS", having been introduced in regular meeting of May 20, 1953, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Haskell, Rinn second. Second reading was omitted by unanimous consent after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Haskell, Preszler, Rinn, Robinson and Richey

NOES: Councilmen - None ABSENT: Councilmen - None Mayor Richey then signed Ordinance No. 490 in approval thereof.

ORD. NO. 491
ADOPTED

ORDINANCE NO. 491, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 465, ESTABLISHING AND REVISING CERTAIN SALARY RANGES IN THE PERSONNEL SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF LODI", having been introduced at the regular meeting of May 20, 1953, was brought up for passage on the motion of Councilman Haskell, Rinn second. Second

AMEND
SALARY
ORDINANCE

reading was omitted by unanimous consent, after reading by title, and was then passed, adopted and ordered to print by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmen - Haskell, Preszler, Rinn,
Robinson and Richey

NOES: Councilmen - None ABSENT: Councilmen - None
Mayor Richey then signed Ordinance No. 491 in approval thereof.

STREET TREE
COMMITTEE
REPORT

Councilman Robinson reported that the committee appointed by the Mayor for the purpose of determining the street trees to be selected for remedial action for the coming year had met during the previous week and a report would be forthcoming at a later meeting. He explained that the committee had given first consideration to situations which had the greatest bearing on public liability.

DISCUSS
CULBERTSON
TRACT
ANNEXATION

Councilman Rinn reported that he had been contacted by one of the residents of the Culbertson Tract, which lies outside the City, regarding the possibility of annexing the tract to the City of Lodi. He added that these people were apparently willing to seek annexation, but they did not feel that they should bear the costs of extending the City's water and electrical service to the area. It was agreed that the Council should discuss the problem after the City Clerk submitted the data on the costs. It was pointed out that a meeting with the residents of the area could be held, if necessary, after the matter had been studied by the Council.

ACCEPT
DEED FOR
UTILITY
RIGHT OF
WAY

The question of who has been authorized to accept deeds on behalf of the City in cases involving deeds of right of way granted jointly to the Telephone Company and the City of Lodi was referred to the City Attorney. The City Clerk was authorized to accept such deeds until the Council received the report from the City Attorney. A further question regarding the City's liability in all joint pole agreements was also referred to the City Attorney for review.

CALIFORNIA ST.
STREET TREE
PROBLEM

Councilman Robinson stated that he felt the Council should show diligence in clearing up the street tree and sidewalk situation on the 200 block of South California Street. It was agreed that a letter to the residents should be drafted and submitted at the next meeting.

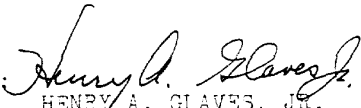
PEDESTRIAN
CROSSING

A request for a pedestrian crossing on East Lockeford Street connecting the Claude C. Wood Company on the south side of the street with the Company's yard on the north side of the street was granted.

COUNCILMAN
HASKELL
RESIGNS

Mayor Richey then announced the receipt of a letter of resignation from Councilman Haskell. In his letter of resignation Councilman Haskell expressed extreme regret in reaching the decision which was occasioned by personal interests which require his leaving Lodi. He asked that the termination be effective July 1, 1953. The resignation was regretfully accepted, and each of the Council, the Mayor and the City Manager expressed the feeling that the City of Lodi has been extremely fortunate in having the services of Councilman Haskell and wished him success in his new venture. In expressing his feelings, Mr. Weller stated that he knew of no finer or honest councilman in the State and that he felt the City, the employees of the City, as well as himself, owed Councilman Haskell a personal debt.

The meeting was adjourned until 7:30 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, June 10, 1953, on the motion of Councilman Haskell.

ATTEST: 
HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.
City Clerk